

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Without prejudice, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lottery gaming system comprising:
 - a lottery ticket having a bar code, an interactive game information, and a removable portion concealing an instant game information, ~~a bar code and an interactive game information portion~~;
 - a lottery ticket dispenser having a bar code reader ~~for reading to read~~ the bar code on the lottery ticket prior to the lottery ticket being dispensed from the dispenser, and an input device to receive an indication from a player indicating the player's choice to participate in an interactive game;
 - a central computer system in communication with the lottery ticket dispenser and to receive from the lottery ticket dispenser the indication received from the player;
 - ~~wherein transmittal of the bar code from the lottery ticket dispenser to the central computer system initiated interactive game information represented on the lottery ticket in the interactive game information portion; and~~
 - a computer remote from and in communication with the central computer system, the computer being utilized by a the player to play ~~an~~ the interactive game with the central computer system based on the interactive game information.
2. (Currently Amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the lottery ticket dispenser further comprises:
 - a printer ~~for~~ to printing the interactive game information on the lottery ticket ~~in the interactive game information portion~~.
3. (Original) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the computer is in

communication with the central computer system via the internet.

4. (Original) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the interactive game information further comprises:

an access code to be utilized by the player for playing the interactive game; and

an address to be utilized by the player for accessing the central computer system.

5. (Original) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the computer is remote from the lottery ticket dispenser.

6. (Original) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the computer is incorporated into the lottery ticket dispenser.

7. (Original) The lottery gaming system of claim 1 wherein the interactive game information is pre-printed on the lottery ticket and activated ~~when~~ in response to a transmission of the bar code is transmitted to the central computer system.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A lottery ticket comprising:
a removable portion to reveal instant game information for determining whether the lottery ticket is an instant game winner;
a bar code;
an interactive game information portion for displaying interactive game information required by a player to play an interactive game, the interactive game information further comprising

~~The lottery ticket of claim 8 wherein the interactive game information further comprises:~~

an access code to be utilized by the player for playing the interactive game; , and

an address to be utilized by the player for accessing the interactive game.

10. (Currently Amended) The lottery ticket of claim 8 9 wherein the removable portion is a scratch off layer.

11. (Currently Amended) The lottery ticket of claim 8 9 wherein the lottery ticket is releasably coupled by lines of weakness to additional lottery tickets in a fan fold stack of lottery tickets.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~conducting~~ conducting a lottery comprising the steps of:

accepting a payment from a player;

processing ~~a selection by the player's selection of~~ for a lottery ticket; ~~wherein the lottery ticket includes~~ including a bar code, an interactive information required by the player in playing an interactive game and a removable portion concealing an instant game information, ~~a bar code, and an interactive game information portion for displaying interactive game information required by a player in playing an interactive game;~~

reading the bar code from the lottery ticket;

generating an interactive game information associated with the bar code;

initiating the interactive game information on the lottery ticket;

dispensing the lottery ticket to the player;

receiving an indication from the player indicating the player's choice to participate in the interactive game;

~~removing the removable portion from the lottery ticket;~~

~~determining if the lottery ticket is an instant game winner;~~

redeeming the lottery ticket for a prize if the lottery ticket is ~~the~~ an instant game winner;

accessing the internet with the interactive game information; and
playing the interactive game via the internet.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
transmitting a bar code information of the bar code and the interactive game information to a central computer system.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the generating step is performed by the central computer system.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the accepting, processing, reading and dispensing steps are performed at least in part by an automated ticket dispenser.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
providing a communication link between the automated ticket dispenser and a central computer system located remotely from the automated ticket dispenser.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
transmitting a bar code information on the bar code and the interactive game information from the automated ticket dispenser to the central computer system.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the ~~removing~~, accessing and playing steps are performed at least in part by the player.
19. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
printing at least a portion of the interactive game information on the lottery ticket in the interactive game information portion.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the printing, accepting, processing, reading and dispensing steps are performed at least in part by an automated ticket dispenser.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the accessing and playing steps are performed at a location remote from the dispensing step.

22. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
crediting an account of the player if the player wins the interactive game.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) The lottery gaming system of claim 1, wherein the communication between the central computer system and the lottery ticket dispenser and the communication between the central computer system and the computer are encrypted.

25. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the interactive game information is pre-printed in the interactive game information portion of the lottery ticket.

26. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the interactive game information is printed in the interactive game information portion of the lottery ticket in response to receiving an indication from the player indicating the player's choice to participate in the interactive game.